

Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church
Old Year's Service, December 31, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS TOGETHER

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Psalm of Praise: 90A:1,2,6,7 *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place*

TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- * Apostles' Creed (pg. 851)
- * Psalm of Response: 103E *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

TO PRAISE GOD

Psalm 90

Hymn of Praise: 222: 1,4,6,7 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 255 *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Message: **LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE YEAR AHEAD**

Prayer of Application

AND DEPARTS TO SERVE

- * Hymn of Response: 159 *Abide with Me*
- Offertory Prayer
- Psalm of Thanksgiving: 92B *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*
- Offertory: Classical Assistance Fund (offering received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: 567 *Doxology* (unannounced)

**Please stand if you are able*

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE YEAR AHEAD

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Rev. Jon Bushnell

1. Always Rejoice

2. Constantly Pray

3. In Everything Give Thanks

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

1. How does believing that this year came to you "not by chance, but by God's fatherly hand" reshape the way you reflect on it?
2. How do you typically define joy: by circumstances going well, or by who you are in Christ?
3. How does trusting God's providence free you to pray honestly about both your fears and your hopes for the future?
4. In what ways might thankfulness be an expression of faith rather than a feeling?
5. As you step into the year ahead, what would it mean for you to live as someone who is in Christ, no matter what the year brings?